(b) No, Sir. Certain irregularities were detected during the checks for which disciplinary action has been instituted against the four officials found responsible by the Vigilance Department. In addition, trolleys/stalls of eleven vendors found indulging in parrallel sales have been closed for three months.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Demolition of building near Kollam Railway Station

2624. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to demolish the Chineese Palace building located near Kollam Railway Station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested to hand over the same, for providing Art-Gallery;

(d) whether Government are aware that the Chineese Palace is an old and ancient building and is a living monument of Chineese Architecture in Kerala;

(e) whether Government would consider it renovate, preserve and retain the building as such or handover to the State Government for preservation; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. However, Kollam Corporation has requested the Railway to hand over the building to them, which was not agreed to.

(d) to (f) No heritage value can be attributed to this building as lot of additions and alterations have already been done for the purpose of Railway use. There is no plan to renovate the building. Also, there is no proposal to hand-over the building to Kerala Government. The space around the building may be required for Railway's future developments.